

Brigadier General Robert V. Fitch

Commander, Nevada Air Guard

Brigadier General Robert V. Fitch is commander of the Nevada Air National Guard. In his position General Fitch oversees and manages the duties and activities of the more than 1,100 airmen in the Nevada Air Guard encompassing the 152nd Airlift Wing, the 152nd Intelligence Squadron, Detachment 1, Nellis Air Force Base, and Headquarters Nevada Air National Guard in Carson City.

The Nevada Air National Guard trains and deploys worldwide in support of total force commitments providing tactical airlift and an intelligence gathering capability. In Southern Nevada the unit is involved with an Air Reserve Component integration into the USAF Air Warfare Center. Within the State, the Air National Guard plays a vital role in homeland security and emergency response.

Fitch was born in Boise, Idaho in 1950 and graduated from Reno High School in 1968. He enlisted in the Nevada Air National Guard in 1969 and became a commissioned officer in 1982. Fitch graduated from the University of Nevada, Reno, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration with a major in accounting in 1974. His military education includes the successful completion of Squadron Officer School (1991), Air Command and Staff College (1996) and Air War College (2002).

One of the highlights of his early career came when Fitch was selected to represent the Nevada National Guard and the State of Nevada in the initial consultations talks with Turkmenistan. His involvement helped pave the way for the partnership Nevada still enjoys today. Another highlight was when he was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal for his service during Operations Desert Shield/Storm. The award was in recognition for his outstanding performance in working supply and logistics issues while deployed to Andrews AFB.

EDUCATION:

1974 - Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration (Accounting), University of Nevada

1991 - Squadron Officer School

1996 - Air Command and Staff College

2002 - Air War College

OFFICER ASSIGNMENTS (All Assignments with Nevada Air National Guard):

1. June 1982 – December 1982, Fuels Management Officer, 152nd Resource Management Squadron, Reno, Nev.
2. December 1982 – June 1987, Customer Operations and Support Officer, 152nd Resource Management Squadron, Reno, Nev.
3. June 1987 – January 1990, Management and Systems Officer, 152nd Resource Management Squadron, Reno, Nev.
4. January 1990 – December 1996, Mission Support Squadron Commander, 152nd Mission Support Squadron, Reno, Nev.
5. December 1996 – February 1998, Logistics Division Chief, 152nd Logistics Squadron, Reno, Nev.
6. February 1998 – September 1999, Chief of Supply, 152nd Logistics Squadron, Reno, Nev.
7. September 1999 – October 2000, Logistics Group Commander, 152nd Logistics Group, Reno, Nev.

8. October 2000 – June 2005, Executive Officer, NVANG Headquarters, Carson City, Nev.
9. June 2005 – April 2007, Chief Standing Joint Force Headquarters, Carson City, Nev.
10. April 2007 – Present, Commander, Nevada Air National Guard, Carson City, Nev.

FLIGHT INFORMATION:

Not Applicable

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Meritorious Service Medal (Three Oak Leaf Clusters)
Air Force Commendation Medal
Air Force Achievement Medal
Army Achievement Medal
Air Force Outstanding Unit Award (Two Oak Leaf Clusters)
Air Force Organizational Unit Award (One Oak Leaf Cluster)
National Defense Service Medal (Two Bronze Star)
Humanitarian Service Medal
Air Force Longevity Service Award Ribbon (Six Oak Leaf Clusters)
Armed Forces Reserve Medal (Two 'M' Devices and One Oak Leaf Cluster)
Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon
Air Force Training Ribbon (One Oak Leaf Cluster)
Order of Nevada
Nevada Medal of Merit (One Oak Leaf Clusters)
Nevada State Commendation Medal (Two Oak Leaf Clusters)
Nevada Command Ribbon
Nevada Humanitarian Service Ribbon
Nevada Overseas Deployment Ribbon (Two Oak Leaf Clusters)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND AFFILIATIONS

National Guard Association of the United States Nevada
ESGR Committee
Member of Congressional Academy Nomination Selection Committee
Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States Auxiliary
Member, Governor Jim Gibbons Blue Ribbon Panel for NVANG Future Plans
Sierra Pacific Federal Credit Union Board Member and past Treasurer

PUBLISHED ARTICLES

EFFECTIVE DATES FOR PROMOTION

Brigadier General	31 July 2006
Colonel	30 January 2003
Lieutenant Colonel	16 June 1997
Major	21 June 1991
Captain	18 July 1986
First Lieutenant	25 June 1984
Second Lieutenant	24 June 1982

(Current as of 15 Sept 2008)